

**Minutes of the UMSL Retirees Association
Holiday Luncheon and Business Meeting
Dec. 3, 2009**

The Annual UMSL Retirees Association Holiday Luncheon was held at the Millennium Student Center on the UMSL campus. Attendees were honored with musical performances by the Dickson String Quartet (Brandon, Ashley, Benjamin, and Daniel), students in the UMSL Department of Music. Following the musical entertainment, UMSL Chancellor Thomas George gave a summary news update on campus and system conditions and events. The report was similar to the Chancellor's State of the University address presented earlier in the term [<http://www.umsl.edu/chancellor/media/speeches.html>].

Business Meeting

Following the lunch, UMSL RA president David Garin opened the Business Meeting portion of the event. First to be recognized was Shirley Martin, past president, to present the slate of nominees for the 2010-11 Elections UMSL RA Nominating Committee. The elections take place at the June UMSL RA meeting. The nominated committee members were Don Greer, Gary Burger, Herm Nebel, and Norm Jacob. Martin asked for additional nominations for the committee. Hearing none VP David Ganz moved election by acclamation. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Garin reported on a meeting of the campus RA officers with system president Gary Forsee. Garin reported that the retirement fund is now back to its 2002 level after a 2% levy on active faculty pay. Garin noted that because of the severe state budgetary constrictions, retiree stipend adjustments have no chance of consideration this year and will not be presented by President Forsee to the Board of Curators or the Legislature. John Perry, who was present at the meeting, made the observation that retirees need to be regarded as part of the UM family and need an advocate to bring this message to all meetings with Forsee.

Garin reported that recently elected Treasurer Chuck Korr has found his schedule of travel too demanding to fulfill his treasurer obligations and has resigned his position. Under the UMSL RA constitution Garin announced he has appointed Rick Blanton to fill the treasurer's position for the remainder of the current year. In the annual June election for UMSL RA officers and board members, the remaining one year of the treasurer's term will be added to the ballot.

Garin reported that the UMSL RA Board approved a request to reimburse the cost of one car traveling to the System RA representatives meetings. He noted that this year President Forsee is initiating the use of the telepresence conference rooms on the campuses to conduct at least one of these meetings a year to reduce the travel costs.

Finally, Garin reported that there will be no increase in the cost of health benefits this year for pre-1990 retirees, but there will be a 3% increase for post-1990 retirees. The UMSL RA president thanked Director of University Events Cindy Vantine for her flawless organization of the Holiday event and wished all attendees a Happy Holidays. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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